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**Ms. Marlene H. Dortch**  
**Commission Secretary,**  
**Federal Communications Commission**  
**445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW**  
**CY-B402**  
**Washington, DC 20554**  
**RE: Proceeding 03-16**

**Dear Ms. Dortch:**

**This letter is written in support of SBC's endeavor into Michigan's long distance market. Competition is the driving force of this economy and this is long overdue.**

**As the President of Lily Missions Center and Pastor of Lily Missionary Baptist Church, I come in contact with hundreds of people a day that will be positively impacted by this effort.**

**I have been pleased with the service of their business department. They have been helpful in ironing out some telephone problems initiated by another company while moving into our new facility. We need choices in today's environment and SBC has done its part with the many options for local service.**

**The Federal Communications Commission should be Informed that SBC has been commendable in the local market and I expect no less as they embark into long distance in this area. This step when successful will benefit the community I live and work in by offering full competition that will provide better service consumers deserve.**

**Sincerely,**  
**Reverend James L Hines**